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Tender

CNO Safe Staffing Fellowship Academic Partner

NHS England

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Scope

Description

These services are categorised as Education & Training (CPV Code: 80000000 – Education & Training Services) which are subject to the PA23 Light Touch Regime.

NHS England seeks to commission academic partnership services deliver the Chief Nursing Officer's (CNO) Safer Staffing Fellowship programme beyond March 2026. This Masters-level workforce planning, delivery and assurance programme has been instrumental in embedding a sustainable, evidence-based approach to safer staffing across NHS organisations in England. As the existing contract concludes on 31 March 2026, NHS England requires a new academic partner to ensure continuity of this nationally recognised and highly valued Fellowship. The programme supports senior nurses and midwives in leading safe, effective and productive staffing practices, aligned with national policy, strategic workforce planning, and the ambitions of the Long Term Workforce Plan.

Please see link below for further information and the tender documents.

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Total value (estimated)

- £235,000 excluding VAT
- £282,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 4 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

Conditions of participation

Completion of all requested tender documents

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

1 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

10 October 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The tender should be submitted through the Atamis procurement portal.

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical including social value	Quality	70.00%
Price	Price	30.00%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

NHS England

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government